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*Stated Meeting, January 6.*

Present, twelve members.

Dr. FRANKLIN BACHE, President, in the Chair.

The judges of the annual election for officers of the Society, held this day, report the result as follows:—

*President.*

Franklin Bache, M.D.

*Vice Presidents.*

A. Dallas Bache, L.L.D.

Hon. John K. Kane,

Robley Dunglison, M.D.

*Secretaries.*

John F. Frazer,

Charles B. Trego,

E. Otis Kendall,

Frederick Fraley.

*Counsellors for Three Years.*

Clement C. Biddle,

George M. Justice,

Frederick Fraley,

Henry Reed.

*Curators.*

Franklin Peale,

John C. Cresson,

M. Fisher Longstreth.

*Treasurer.*

Charles B. Trego.

A letter was read from Charles D. Arfwedson, dated Stockholm, 18th Nov. 1853, acknowledging the receipt of notice of his election as a member of the Society.

The following donations were received:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Memorias de la Real Academia de la Historia: Tomo VIII. Madrid, 1852. 4to.—*From the Royal Academy of History, Madrid.*

Memorial Historico Español: coleccion de Documentos, Opusculos y Antigüedades, que publica la Real Academia de la Historia. Tomos I. II. III. IV. Madrid, 1851, 1852. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Coleccion de Fueros y Cartas-Pueblas de España: por la Real Academia de la Historia. Catalogo. Madrid, 1852. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Historia General y Natural de las Indias, Islas y Tierra—firme del Mar Oceano: por el Capitan Gonzalo Fernandez Oviedo y Valdes, &c. Publica la Real Academia de la Historia:—Cotejada con el codice original, enriquecida con las enmiendas y adiciones del Autor, é ilustrada con la vida y el juicio de las obras del mismo, por D. José Amador de los Rios, &c. &c. Tomos I. II. Madrid, 1851. 4to.—*From the same.*

Opusculos legales del Rey Don Alfonso el sabio, publicados y cotejados con varios codices antiguos: por la Real Academia de la Historia. Tomos I. II. Madrid, 1836. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Diccionario Geográfico-Historico de España;—por la Real Academia de la Historia. Seccion II. Comprende la Rioja ó toda la provincia de Logroño y algunos pueblos de la de Burgos. Su autor Don A. C. de Govantes. Madrid, 1846. 4to.—*From the same.*

España Sagrada, continuada por la Real Academia de la Historia. Tomo XLVII. Tratado LXXXV. De la Santa Iglesia de Lerida, en su estado moderno. Su autor el Dr. Don Pedro Sainz de Baranda, Presbitero, &c. &c. Madrid, 1850. 4to.—*From the same.*

Disertacion sobre la Historia de la Nautica, y de las Ciencias Matematicas que han contribuido a sus progresos entre los Españoles. Obra póstuma del Excmo. Señor Don Martin Fernandez Navarrete:—la publica la Real Academia de la Historia. Madrid, 1846. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Elogio Historico del Excmo. Señor Don Antonio de Escano, Teni-

ente General de la Marina, &c. &c. por Don Francisco de Paula Quadrado y de Roó, Academica de numero, &c. &c. Le publica la misma Real Academia. Madrid, 1852. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Memoria Historico—Critica sobre el gran Disco de Theodosio, encontrado en Almendralejo, leida a la Real Academia de la Historia, por su Anticuuario Don Antonio Delgado, en la junta ordinaria de 9 de Setiembre, de 1848. Madrid, 1849. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Viage literario a las Iglesias de España: su Autor Don Jaime Villanueva, Presbitero, &c. Tomos XI—XXII. Publicada por la misma Academia. Madrid, 1850—1—2. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Discursos leidos a la Academia de la Historia, por su Director el Excmo. Señor Don Martin Fernandez de Navarrete, 24 Nov. 1837; 27 Nov. 1840; 15 Dec. 1843;—y por su Director el Excmo. Señor Don Marcial Antonio Lopez, 27 Nov. 1846; 30 Nov. 1849. Madrid. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Dialogues and a small portion of the New Testament in the English, Arabic, Haussa and Bornu languages. London, 1853. 8vo.—*From the British Government.*

Grammar of the Bornu or Kanuri language, with Dialogues, Translations, and Vocabulary. By Edwin Morris. London, 1853. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society. Vol. IX. Part 4. No. 36. Nov. 1853. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Considerations upon the Nature and Tendency of Free Institutions. By Frederick Grimke. Cincinnati, 1848. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

The American Journal of Science and Arts. Second Series. Vol. XVII. No. 49. January, 1854. New Haven. 8vo.—*From the Editors.*

Statistique Générale de la Belgique. Exposé de la situation de la Royaume. (Période Decennale de 1841—1850.) Publié par le Ministre de l'Intérieur. Bruxelles, 1852. Fol.—*From Dr. Robley Dunglison.*

Statistique de la Belgique. Population. Mouvement de l'Etat Civil pendant l'année 1845. Publié par le Ministre de l'Intérieur. Bruxelles, Oct. 1846. Fol.—*From the same.*

On motion of Dr. Dunglison, Judge Kane was requested to prepare an obituary notice of the late Judge Hopkinson.

Prof. Frazer announced the death of Prof. Edward H. Courtenay, a member of this Society, of the University of Virginia, and formerly of the University of Pennsylvania,—who died Dec. 20, 1853: And,

On motion of Dr. Dunglison, Prof. A. Dallas Bache was requested to prepare an obituary notice of Prof. Courtenay.

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*Stated Meeting, January 20.*

Judge KANE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Present, twenty-eight members.

A communication addressed to the Society, and signed A. Balbo, was read and referred to the Secretaries to take order on the subject.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

- Mémoires de l'Académie Impériale des Sciences de St. Petersburg:  
 VI. Série. Sciences Mathématiques, Physiques et Naturelles.  
 Tome VII. Première Partie. Sci. Math. et Phys. Tome V. 5 et  
 6 livraison. St. Petersburg. 4to.—*From the Academy.*
- Quarterly Journal of the Chemical Society. Vol. VI. No. 3. Oct.  
 1853. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- The African Repository. Vol. XXIX. No. 12. Dec. 1853. Wash-  
 ington. 8vo.—*From the Am. Colonization Society.*
- Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. XXVII. No. 1.  
 Jan. 1854. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*
- The American Journal of the Medical Sciences. No. LIII. New Se-  
 ries. Jan. 1854. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Dr. Isaac Hays,  
 Editor.*
- The Medical News and Library. Vol. XII. No. 133. Jan. 1854.  
 Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*
- A Biographical Notice of Daniel Drake, M.D., of Cincinnati, pre-  
 pared by appointment of the College of Physicians of Philadel-  
 phia. By Charles D. Meigs, M.D. Vice-President of the College.  
 Read at the meeting, July, 1853. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From  
 the Author.*